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MEMORANDUM TO THE LEGAL COUNSEL

SUBJECT: Copyright Claim for Voice Broadcast

At 0600 on 5 November 1947 the Brussels Radio preceded its regular French-language voice newscast for Leopoldville with the following announcement:

"Let us recall that the reproduction of the reports broadcast in the course of this transmission is forbidden without the authorization of the Radio-Diffusion Nationale Belge."

This is the first instance observed by [redacted] monitors of explicitly announced restrictions on the use of voice-broadcast material. Since it is believed, however, that the Belgian Broadcasting System has no treaty authority to restrict such material internationally, [redacted] will continue for the present to reproduce it in the unclassified "Daily Report."

It is requested that this office be furnished an opinion by the Legal Counsel as to whether or not publication of this material in the unclassified "Daily Report" is permissible.

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Deputy Assistant Director
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